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In response to the Office communication mailed April 11, 2003, the
Applicant provides the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending. In an Amendment filed on February 26, 2003,
Applicant canceled claims 1-10 and added new claims 11-27.

In the April 11, 2003 Office communication, the Examiner indicates that
Applicant's February 26, 2003 Amendment is non-responsive because the newly
submitted claims 11-27 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from
the invention originally claimed. The Examiner further indicates that the newly added
claims 11-27 and original claims 1-10 are directed to independent or distinct inventions
because new claims 11-27 "are drawn to the mask selection option for an integrated
circuit memory".

It is respectfully submitted that new claims 11-27 and original claims 1-10
are not directed to independent or distinct inventions for the following reasons.